

Remarks

Applicants appreciate the recognition of patentable subject matter and thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephone interview. An interview summary accompanies this response.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 2, 13-15, 17-30 and 32-34. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, and 31 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-6, 8-15 and 17-34 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9, 12, 15, and 17-26 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) for anticipation over U.S. Patent No. 6,519,470 to Rydbeck. Claims 4, 10-11, 13-14, 15-26, 28-29 and 31-33 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Rydbeck.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections.

Referring to claim 1, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed the amendment herein which incorporates the limitations of dependent claim 30 into claim 1. The amendment was indicated by the Office in the interview to recite allowable subject matter over the prior art. In addition, the accompanying amendment to claim 1 was also indicated by the Office to overcome the 112, second paragraph rejection.

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be definite and allowable over the prior art and action to that end is respectfully requested.

The claims which depend from independent claim 1 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

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